

Amendments to the Specification:

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(1) Amend the paragraph beginning with line 24 and ending with line 25, as shown in the following marked up and clean copies:

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(2) Amend the paragraph beginning with line 30 and ending with line 31, as shown in the following marked up and clean copies:

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-- Preferably, the pitch of the external thread on the puller bar is 3.005mm ~~3.5mm~~; and the pitch of the vertical thread in the studbolt is 3.00mm ~~3.0mm~~. --

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